

REMARKS

35 U.S.C. §103 (a) Rejection of Claims 1-7, 14-15 and 18-28

The Office has rejected claims 1-4, 7, 14-15 and 19-28, at paragraph 5 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,931,249 (“Fors”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0218575 (“Ibe”). The Office has rejected claims 5-6 and 18, at paragraph 6 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,931,249 (“Fors”) and U.S. Publication No. 2004/0218575 (“Ibe”), further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0217180 (“Chandra”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 1-7 and 19 are Allowable

Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter from claim 5. Claim 6 has been amended for consistency with amended claim 1.

The cited portions of Fors, Ibe, and Chandra fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 1. In his rejection of claim 5, the Examiner relies on Chandra. As the Examiner states in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, Chandra discloses a method wherein a mobile roams back to the home network and sends a deregistration request to the home agent. Chandra fails to disclose “determining that the mobile phone has moved out of range of the wireless local area network base station and while the mobile phone is out of range of the wireless local area network base station, sending a message to the cellular network element to cancel call forwarding to the wireless local area network base station” as in claim 1. Hence, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-4, 6-7 and 19 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Therefore, claims 2-4, 6-7 and 19 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

Claims 14-15, 18 and 22-23 are Allowable

Claim 14 has been amended based on the subject matter of claim 18.

The cited portions of Fors, Ibe, and Chandra fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 14. In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, the Office states that the mobile node in Chandra sends a deregistration request to the home agent. Paragraph 0039 of Chandra says “[a]t 390 the mobile node 225 sends a deregistration request to the home agent 210, requesting the home agent 219 delete its bindings so that the mobile node 225 can act as any other fixed node.” The cited portions of Chandra fail to disclose modules in a mobile phone such as the “wide area cellular communications module” and the “short-range wireless local area network module” in claim 14. The cited portions of Chandra fail to disclose the level of detail as in claim 14. Thus, the cited portions of Chandra fail to disclose the specific combination of claim 14. Therefore, claim 14 is allowable.

Claims 15 and 22-23 depend from claim 14, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Therefore, claims 15 and 22-23 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 14.

Claims 24-28 are Allowable

Claim 24 has been amended based on the subject matter of claim 5.

The cited portions of Fors, Ibe, and Chandra fail to disclose or suggest the specific combination of claim 24. In his rejection of claim 5, the Examiner relies on Chandra. As the Examiner states in paragraph 6 of the Office Action, Chandra discloses a method wherein a mobile roams back to the home network and sends a deregistration request to the home agent. Chandra fails to disclose “determining that the mobile phone has moved out of range of the wireless local area network base station and while the mobile phone is out of range of the wireless local area network base station, sending a message to the cellular network element to cancel call forwarding to the wireless local area network base station” as in claim 24. Hence, claim 24 is allowable.

Claims 25-28 depend from claim 24, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Therefore, claims 25-28 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 24.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have addressed all the rejections set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each pending claim.

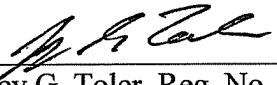
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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